

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following between the title and the first line of text of page 1:

BACKGROUND

Page 3, between lines 6 and 7, please insert the following:

SUMMARY

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the present invention there is provided a frangible coupling for the purpose of supporting a rotatable load having a first ring, a second ring and ring, a plurality of ligaments and a load magnification member, said first ring and second ring interconnected by said plurality of ligaments, said ligaments with the load magnification member provided on the first ring or rotatable load, there being a small clearance maintained between said member and ligaments adjacent thereto, configured to fail such that, in use, when a load of a predetermined value causes the first and second ring to move relative to one another by a predetermined amount, thereby bringing at least one ligament into contact with said load magnification member, at least one ligament is caused to fail.

Page 4, between lines 11 and 12, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, between lines 2 and 3, please insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For the purposes of this description the fan unit 14 is divided up into 3 sections – a fan rotor section 16, a compressor section 18 and a drive shaft and gearing arrangement 20, the latter being shown in a cutaway view. Air, indicated generally by arrow “C”, enters the fan

unit 14 via the fan rotor section 16. The air is compressed and moves downstream to compressor 18, where it is further pressurised before being exhausted from the fan 14, indicated generally by ~~arrow "B".~~ arrow "D". A cutaway reveals the location of the frangible coupling 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The first ring 40 is formed with a flange 46 that is provided with semi-circular cross-section cut out portions 43 that correspond closely to the outside diameter of the ligaments 42 part way along their length. A small clearance 48 is maintained between the ligaments 42 and their corresponding cut out portions 43 in the flange 46. The fuse ligaments 42 are equidistantly spaced apart from each other and are formed with a stress raising ~~feature 50,~~ feature 45, which, as shown here, may take the form of a narrowed waist.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 5 presents an alternative embodiment of the frangible coupling 12. The coupling 12 comprises a first ring 50 axially joined via a row of fuse ligaments 52 to a second ring 54. The second ring 54 is formed with a third static ~~member 56~~ member (not shown) that is fixedly joined with a non rotatable section of the inner wall 24 (not shown in this figure). The first ring 50 is fitted with a bearing 58 that rotatably supports the first ring 50 on a shaft 60. The shaft 60 supports the fan blades 26 (not shown in this figure). The shaft 60 is provided with a disc 62 positioned at about one half of the way between the first ring 50 and the second ring 54. Extending radially outward from the circumference of the disc 62 is a snub 64.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.